

## REMARKS

Claims 208 – 297 are pending. No new claims or subject matter have been added.

The present amendments are not made in response to any prior art rejection, but, rather, to refine and re-cast the scope of some of the inventions associated with the respective amended claims.

Therefore, independent claim 208 now includes specific language to make it clear that this claim pertains to an article of manufacture in which a word checking routine analyzes unpublished electronic documents for audiences on a document by document basis. In other words, unlike the prior art (which includes primarily static filters that are applied to every document indiscriminately) the invention of claim 208 permits a flexible policy to be implemented for each document in accordance with an intended audience. This aspect of the invention is disclosed, for example, on pp. 10 – 15.

For instance, in independent claim 215, the claim has been changed to note that the routine allows “... **a user of said word checking software module to specify a threshold level of sensitivity to be used in determining whether a word in the electronic document is potentially inappropriate.**” This is somewhat different from what was articulated before (i.e., that the user specified a rating for an individual word) and incorporates some language from existing dependent claim 223. This formulation is consistent with and supported by the specification – i.e., see pages 10, ll. 8 – 11; 21-25; page 11, ll. 4+.

Dependent claim 216 was also amended to make it clear that the set of inappropriate words and/or a set of offensive words could be part of a separate dictionary. This, again, is discussed at length in the specification – i.e., see pages 9, ll. 21-22; 15, ll. 12 – 25.

Dependent claim 223 has been amended to make it better conform to the changes in independent claim 215.

Independent claim 224 was amended, also, to make it more clear that this invention pertains to a method in which controlling language content for documents can be varied according to an identity of a recipient. Again, this basically means that different rules can be applied to different recipients for a document, so that, for example, a first audience may be subjected to more rigorous rules than a second audience.

Claim 228 was amended to indicate that the language filters include “... **at least one non-English language filter**” and that publication is controlled on an individual electronic document basis. Again the prior art shows no recognition of the problem that inappropriate content may be transmitted in different languages, and no control on a document basis.

Claim 234 has been amended to recite that the set of filter words can be changed as needed for different subsequent documents that are sent to different recipients. Again, this is not shown in the art.

Claim 241 has been amended to recite, again, that the set of filter words that can be selected so “...that either or both of said first dictionary file and said second dictionary file are used for said set of filter words.” Again, this is in contrast to the prior art, where the same filter (regardless of what it may be) is used for every document.

Independent claim 260 has been amended in a similar manner to claim 216, to specifically recite that the filter words could also be set up as “...one or more separate electronic dictionaries.”

The same is true for independent claim 272.

Independent claim 271 is similarly amended to recite that a different document can be analyzed using a different set of filter words.

Independent claim 272 is amended again to recite that the “... first and second language filters can be changed on a document by document basis depending on an intended audience for the document.”

Independent claim 279 is amended to recite that the language filter can include at least two different types of languages. As noted above, this is not shown or suggested in the prior art.

Independent claim 282 is amended to recite that the language filter is “adjustable” for each document, which, again, clearly distinguishes over the prior art.

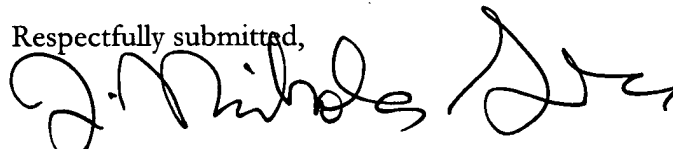
Independent claim 288 has been amended to correct for some informalities (a missing word) and further consistent with the present discussions.

Independent claim 292 has been amended to clarify that the first and second language filters are identified by separate (first and second) sets of words in an electronic dictionary. Claim 294 is similarly amended.

All of the claims, including those amended, should be allowable for the reasons already explained in the pending prosecution. Should the Examiner believe it that it would be helpful to discuss any of the above points in person, Applicant is open to a telephone conference (415-355-9800) at any convenient time.

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